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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/976,998 First Named Applicant: Snaidr

Examiner: C. Lopez Art Unit: 1791 Status of Application: First Rejection

Tentative Participants:

(1) William J. Fisher (2) Examiner Lopez
(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 Proposed Time: 10:00 A.M. AM/PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc) | Claims/ Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) <u>Rej'n 102(b)</u> | <u>Claims 10 and 11</u> | <u>Valdez</u> <u>4,685,477</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) <u>Rej'n 103(a)</u> | <u>Claims 10 and 11</u> | <u>Valdez</u> <u>4,685,477</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (4) _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:

Valdez neither discloses (102) nor suggests (103) the claimed invention. Valdez comprises a three-chamber

tubular member that serves as a smoke-absorbent filter, with perforations/porosity for exhaust. Invention reduces

SS smoke & free-burn rate by restriction inward air flow with predetermined number and size of pores.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

William J. Fisher
Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

WILLIAM J. FISHER
Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Registration Number, if applicable

Examiner/SPE Signature

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